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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Final Office Action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on December 18, 2002 be extended for two months, to and including May 18, 2003.

Enclosed is a check for \$410.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). If there are any other charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

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